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Monday, 9th September, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Please see an important letter on our website from the **Minister of Education, Paul Givan (MLA)** which was issued on 3rd September regarding the use, by pupils, of personal mobile phones and other similar devices during the school day. Please note that it is our school policy, as determined by the Board of Governors, that pupils are **not permitted** to carry a mobile phone* or use a mobile phone* at school under any circumstances.

*This includes any mobile device with Internet Access.

- A sincere Thank You to everyone who has selected our school for the **Asda Cashpot for Schools Scheme**. We have raised over **£110** already. Further information on how to participate is on our school website. Please note that the scheme ends on **30th November**.
- If you haven't returned the **Data Collection Form** sent home last week, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that a separate form needs to be completed for each child.
- An important electronic form has been sent to your mobile phone regarding permissions for the incoming year. Please complete the form by **Friday, 13th September**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ddFYh9sHq3>

- **Mr. Maguire** will be delivering a **10 week After - School Multisport** Programme on a **Thursday** afternoon, starting **Thursday, 12th September**. If your child is attending and you haven't already returned a permission slip, please return the permission slip attached by Wednesday of this week to register your child.

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As explained to parents at the Information Session, there is no afterschools for pupils in Year 1, this term.

Please see times below:

Class	Time
Year 2	<p>2.00pm to 2.30pm</p> <p>Pupils attending After – Schools with Mr. Maguire are to be collected at 2.30pm from the school unless they are travelling home by bus at 3.00pm or have a sibling in Year 3 who is attending the After – Schools with Mr. Maguire until 3pm. Year 2 pupils who remain in school until 3pm will be supervised by a member of staff.</p>
Year 3	<p>2.30pm to 3.00pm</p> <p>Pupils attending After – Schools with Mr. Maguire are to be collected at 3.00pm from the school unless they are travelling home by bus. Pupils will be supervised from 2.00pm to 2.30pm by a member of staff and will be expected to complete homework activities during this time.</p>
Year 4/5	<p>3.00pm to 3.45pm</p> <p>Pupils attending After – Schools with Mr. Maguire are to be collected at 3.45pm from the school unless they have a sibling in Year 6/7 who is attending the After – Schools with Mr. Maguire until 4.30pm. Year 4/5 siblings who remain in school until 4.30pm will be supervised by a member of staff from 3.45pm until 4.30pm. Pupils will be expected to complete homework activities during this time.</p>
Year 6/7	<p>3.45pm to 4.30pm</p> <p>Pupils attending After – Schools with Mr. Maguire are to be collected at 4.30pm from the school. Pupils will be supervised from 3.00pm to 3.45pm by a member of staff and will be expected to complete homework activities during this time.</p>

Please inform your child's Class Teacher if your child needs to be supervised on a Thursday afternoon to 3pm or 4.30pm by a member of staff. If your child attends Playtime After – Schools, please inform the staff there of arrangements regarding your child/children in advance of **12th September**.

Please see the dates for afterschool multisport from now until Christmas. These dates are also on the school website calendar. Should we need to cancel or rearrange any of the sessions, you will be notified in advance.

- ✚ 12th September
- ✚ 19th September
- ✚ 26th September
- ✚ 3rd October
- ✚ 10th October
- ✚ 17th October
- ✚ 14th November
- ✚ 21st November
- ✚ 28th November
- ✚ 5th December

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- Our **After School Nature Rangers Clubs** commence this week. Please make sure that you have registered your child as staff will only be able to accept children on their list.

At present, the following **Nature Ranger Clubs** have been arranged.

Year 1: Friday (2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Year 2: Monday (2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Year 3: Thursday (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

Year 4 and Year 5: Monday (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

Year 6 and 7: Tuesday (3.00pm to 4.00pm)

Each session costs **£5** per pupil (to cover a subscription to NIFSA and the cost of training and materials.)

A full list of dates for each Nature Ranger Club for this term is available to view on our school website. If, for any reason, dates have to be changed, the Club leaders will inform you in advance.

Please click on the link below to register your child.

<https://www.forestschoolsni.com/shop/st-patricks-eskra-nrc-sep-oct>

Please click on the link below for further information on what to expect from our Nature Ranger Clubs.

<https://www.forestschoolsni.com/?r3d=joining-a-nature-ranger-club&>

Please note that parents have to register their child through the NIFSA website, not our school. If you experience any technical difficulties with the NIFSA website, please let us know and we can contact their administrator.

Please checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – www.forestschoolsni.com and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family can get involved in in the evenings and at weekends.

- We are hoping that all our **Annual Parent - Teacher Meetings** will take place on **Tuesday, 29th October**. These meetings will be **face – to - face**. More information to follow shortly. **Teachers will discuss your child's test scores with you at this meeting.**
- Our **Beginning Of Year Mass** will take place on **Thursday, 19th September @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
- Application Forms for the positions of **Head Boy** and **Head Girl** will be issued to pupils in **Year Seven** this week and are due in by **12pm** on **Thursday, 19th September**. Interviews will take place on **Thursday, 26th September**.

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Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



Permission Slip
After - Schools Multisports

Parent's Name:

Please circle/underline as appropriate.

I do/do not give permission for my child/children to attend a 10 week After - School Multisports programme delivered by Mr. Maguire on a Thursday afternoon.

Child's/Children's Name/s:

Class/Classes:

Signed:

Date:

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